

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Christian schools, rooted in the democratic ideal of freedom of choice, are an important part of the tradition of educational excellence in South Dakota and play an integral role in the education of the children of the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, These independent schools, through the active participation and commitment of their sponsoring communities, their leadership, faculty, staff, families and volunteers, provide our citizens with a diversity of educational opportunities in the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, More than 60 Christian elementary and secondary schools, assisting parents in the formation of over 8,600 children, especially in the tenets of their Christian faith, respect for fellow human beings, and the duties of responsible citizenry, make great contributions to the moral fabric of our great state; and,

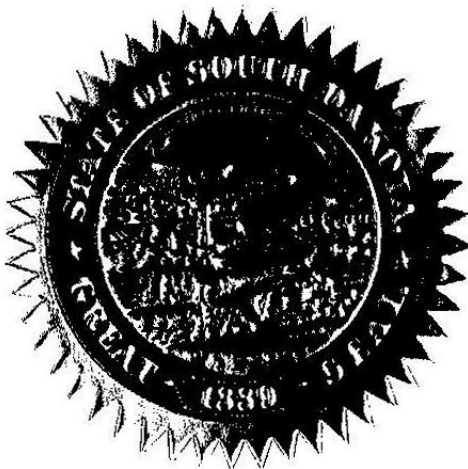
Whereas, Christian schools are a valued partner in educating the youth of South Dakota and contribute to the quality of life for all our citizens and provide a direct savings to South Dakota taxpayers:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2009, as

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State